

Developmental Disabilities Administration

Low Intensity Support Services

Frequently Asked Questions

What are Low Intensity Support Services (LISS)?

Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) are grants up to \$2,000 to assist adults with developmental disabilities and families with a child with a developmental disabilities with purchasing services and/or items to address needs.

Who can apply?

Maryland residents who have a developmental disability, their family, or authorized representative may apply.

When can I apply?

LISS request can be submitted July 1st through July 31st and January 1st through January 31st of each year.

How do I apply for a LISS grant?

Individuals or their authorized representative completes a LISS Request Form to apply for the LISS grant and submit it to the LISS provider that serves the county they reside in.

How can I get help completing the LISS Request?

If you need assistance, please call your Regional Office, resource coordinator, or LISS provider to help with the application process.

Does everyone that applies receive a grant?

No. The program has limited funding so to be fair to everyone that submits a request, a random selection of grant recipients will be conducted twice a year.

Can LISS funds be used to reimburse previously received items/services?

Reimbursement will be made to the applicant only if the item or service is received in the fiscal year of the application.

Why did the program change?

To improve the application process, lower the amount of funding to increase the number of individuals served, and to help individuals currently not receiving services.

What are some of the uses for LISS funding?

Individual Support Services (ISS)

ADA compliant household appliances
Adaptive Equipment
Assistive Technology
Conference admission
Health Services & Items
Housing Assistance
Recreation
Respite
Specialized Equipment
Transportation costs

Adaptive Clothing
Adaptive Furniture
Camps
Health insurance co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance
Housing Adaptations/Accessible Housing
Personal Care
Recreational Membership (e.g. YMCA, gyms)
Sensory Items & Services
Therapies
Vehicle Modification

Family Support Services

Advocacy Training for parents
Childcare, before & after school care
Health insurance co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance
Housing Adaptations/Accessible Housing
Recreational Membership for families
Vehicle modifications

Camps
Conference admissions
Health Services & Items
Housing Assistance
Respite

Here are some things that LISS cannot pay for which include, but are not limited to:

1. Case management
2. Experimental services and treatments not approved by the Food and Drug Administration
3. Food
4. Gift cards
5. Items and services paid for by private insurance, Medical Assistance, or other programs
6. Late rent unless there is evidence of a court-ordered eviction, and mortgage
7. Presents, such as birthday or Christmas
8. Toys
9. Tuition to attend private school and college
10. Vacations
11. Vehicle related items and services (gas, tires, registrations, parking tickets, car insurance, car repairs, vehicle purchases, emissions, and fines)